



RUNNING TO PLACES

a non-profit theatre company for middle & high school students in our community

HONK!

Music by George Sciles
Book & Lyrics by Anthony Drews



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Dryden Central School Auditorium



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NOTES FROM THE R2P RESIDENT ARTISTIC TEAM

"It takes a village to raise a child" ...and even more so a musical full of children. Anyone who has ever undertaken this task will tell you it's not a cliché, but the absolute truth. Here's what's cool about our village: the fact that this expression never defines who performs the action of "raising" means that all sorts of people become a supporting force.

We have, from our inception, relied on the abilities and training of college-aged theatre majors to help with the mentoring, design, tech, and stage management of Running to Places youth. Largely from Ithaca College's renowned theatre program, this production team has included not only current students as mentors but welcomed visits and contributions from several alumni and staff members. Some, such as our scenic and lighting designers, were with us for several weeks. Others gave back for a day (or a few) while passing through town on a visit between jobs anywhere from Broadway to LA—in order to support a production featuring middle school children they have never met.

We have our own alumni as well now – former Running to Places company members seem to have barely gotten back in town from college before contacting us and committing to working with us this summer. Likewise, members of the greater Ithaca community who worked with local school programs (often under Joey, Todd, Ross or Gail) try to ease the pain of having been "too old" to participate in R2P as company members by getting involved as college-aged mentors now. (A perfect example has been the very capable assistance of Katie Lane as Assistant Choreographer, and we look forward to more throughout the summer!)

We also have adults who have enjoyed working in high school and middle school theatre joining in, and consistently hear how their desire is to learn as much as they can from the theatre "pros" and take it back to strengthen those programs. They never fail to teach us something in return. We have enjoyed collaborating with many of those running or volunteering for these programs and would like to think the resources available to all of us have grown as connections are made through R2P.

Perhaps most exciting of all has been experiencing what can happen when our current high school company members step up as mentors to their younger peers. With an extremely tight timeline and all of the "regular" staff experiencing various stages of burn out (opening ten shows in the past sixteen months!), these young people have breathed new life into R2P. Bringing their training, passion, and energy to every call, they have served as assistants in every area of the production. And those who could not commit to the entire process came when they could, seemingly appearing out of nowhere when they were needed most. Without fail, they take initiative and display great creative confidence as they support the younger members of the company. They set great examples in the process of strengthening our middle school program. They prove true our belief that the high expectations we set for young people, when coupled with a supportive environment, translate into the sincere expectations young people set for themselves. Their actions also demonstrate the value they place on the mentoring they receive with Running to Places by wanting to mentor others. (And let's face it, they know it's pretty rewarding on the mentoring end as well.)

Yes, part of what we have witnessed is born out of a desire to keep our beloved craft of theatre alive and healthy, as well as an expression of who we are as people. But it's also indicative of the belief that these young artists are all part of the same "village." Theatre is just one of the really great ways we can raise kids to feel valued and trust the value of their uniqueness, but it's pretty much our favorite way. As you experience the journey of "The Ugly Duckling," "Ida," and all the characters of *Hank*, we invite you to listen to their messages and remember the importance of helping young people feel valued and supported, no matter who they are as people. And we'd like to thank all the mentors (including you as audience members) for being part of the "village" that supports them.



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ACT I

"A Poultry Tale"	Drake, Cat, Grace, Maureen, Company
"The Joy Of Motherhood"	Ida, Maureen
"Different"	Ida
"Hold Your Head Up High"	Ida, Ugly Duckling, Fish
"Look At Him"	Ida, Drake, Ducklings, Maureen, Ugly Duckling, Henrietta, Turkey, Cat, Company
"Play With Your Food"	Cat, Ugly Duckling
"The Elegy"	Company
"Every Tear a Mother Cries"	Ida
"The Wild Goose Chase"	Greylag, Dot, Cat, Geese
"Hold Your Head Up High" (Reprise)	Ida, Ugly

- There will be a 15 minute intermission -

ACT II

"It Takes All Sorts"	Queenie, Lowbutt, Ugly Duckling
"Together"	Cat, Queenie, Lowbutt
"The Collage"	Drake, Company
"Now I've Seen You"	Ugly Duckling
"Warts And All"	Bullfrog, Ugly Duckling, Froglets
"The Blizzard"	Maureen, Company
"The Transformation"	Ugly Duckling, Ida, Penny
"Finale: Look At Him"	Full Company

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Drake	Joel Beckwith
Turkey	Caleb Harris
Henrietta	Emma Plotkin
Maureen	Lena Kornreich
Ida	Sari Koppel
Cat	James Potter
Grace	Rebecca Wood
Ducklings	Allie Mirin, Chunmei McKernan, Emory Iacobucci, Maddie Vandenberg, Michelle Peterson, Rosie Altucher
Ugly Duckling	Anthony Nigro
Farmer's Voice	Noah Elman
Maggie Pie	Allie Young
Floor Manager	Allison Mollenkamp
Camera Operator	Noah Benzer-Shuman
Boom Operator	Rhiannon Bell
Greylag	Taylor Frey
Dot	Sadie Scott Martinson
Barnacles	Jonah Mead-Vancort
Pinkfoot	Rhiannon Bell
Snowy	Bretana Turkon
Old Woman's Voice	Anneke van Renesse
Queenie	Nicole Rossi
Lowbutt	Charlotte Senders
Penny	Carolyn Crawford
Mother Swan	Eisha Conrad
Father Swan	AJ Newman
Bullfrog	Keara Byron

Fish.....	AJ Newman, Ally Young, Allison Mollenkamp, Bryce Damiani, Carolyn Crawford, Cristina Dougherty, Duncan Scott Martinson Emily Scarpulla, Keara Byron, Heather MacDonald, Laurel Wolfe Wawrzynek, Noah Benzer-Shuman, Sophia Pitti, Tori Mize
Collage Singers	Rebecca Woods, Ally Young, Allison Mollenkamp, Noah Elman, Duncan Scott Martinson,., Emma Plotkin
Geese	Anneke van Renesse, Eisha Conrad, Emily Feavearyear, Emily Schweitzer, Miriam Leo, Noah Eelman, Savannah Charif, Tanya van Renesse, Zophia Frankel Anderson
Froglets.....	AJ Newman, Ally Young, Allison Mollenkamp, Bryce Damiani, Cristina Dougherty, Duncan Scott Martinson, Emily Scarpulla, Heather MacDonald, Laurel Wolfe Wawrzynek, Noah Benzer-Shuman, Sophia Pitti, Tori Mize
Blizzard Singers	Lena Kornreich, Rebecca Woods, Bretana Turkon, Emily Feavearyear, Emily Schweitzer, Jonah Mead-Vancort, Miriam Leo, Savannah Charif, Tanya van Renesse, Noah Elman, Joel Beckwith
Blizzard Dancers	Caleb Harris, Rhiannon Bell, Maddie Vandenberg, Keara Byron, Nicole Rossi, Zofia Frankel Anderson, Emily Scarpulla, Duncan Scott Martinson, Sadie Scott Martinson, Ally Young, Noah Benzer-Shuman, Bryce Damiani

ARTISTIC TEAM

Producer/Production Manager.....	Gail Belokur
Director/Sound Designer	Joey Steinhagen
Choreographer.....	Todd Peterson
Co-Musical Directors.....	Erica Steinhagen (Vocals), Mike Wade (Orchestra)
Scenic Designer.....	Alexander Woodward
Costume Designer.....	Lori Levine
Lighting Designer	Laura Krassowski

PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage Manager	Jennifer Shaw
Assistant to the Producer/Wardrobe Supervisor.....	Talia Hollander
Assistant Choreographer	Katie Lane
Assistant Musical Director.....	Jeremy Pletter
Technical Directors.....	Matthew Mills, Steve Yaple
Assistant Technical Director.....	Mike Garrett
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Rachel Harrington, Elaine Young
Production Assistants	James Palmer, Sirena Carpenter
Costume Crew.....	Diane Beckwith, Carolyn Koppel, Mary Young
Rehearsal Pianist.....	Will Sanders
Props.....	Alexander Woodward
Alumni Mentor/Fly Rail and Run Crew.....	Ricia Weber
Assistant Master Electrician/Lighting Board Operator	Michael Belokur
Resident Sound Mentor.....	George Belokur
Scenic Charge Artists.....	Ali Golden, Sophia Morris
Spot Operators.....	Ashley Jackson, Josh Stranger, Zach Makinster
Hair/Makeup Peer Mentor	Kati Andersson
Assistant Wardrobe Supervisor.....	Rachel Levine
Load In Assistance	Josh Stranger, John Kontogiannis
Electrics Consultants.....	Eric Yaple, Adam Frank

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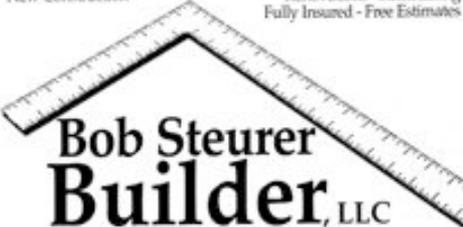
Conductor	Mike Wade
Piano	Will Sanders
Drum Set.....	Adam Beckwith
Flute/Piccolo/Saxophone	Josh Malison
Percussion.....	Katrina Mehinger
Trumpet/Coronet	Peter Stammer
Clarinet.....	Adam Gruschow
Cello	EWIE Halpert
Horn.....	Lori Roy

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BIOS

Rosie Altucher (Duckling): Rosie is super excited to be in *Honk!* She has been in performances at the Hangar Theater, the Kitchen Theater, Vitamin L and R2P. Favorites include: *Rebecca Returns*, *Les Miserables* (Young Cosette), *Grease* (Rodger) and *Barnum* (Chairy). Her favorite thing to do is sing. Thanks to everyone for rides. Enjoy the show!

Adam Beckwith (Drum Set): Adam is extremely happy to be playing in his second R2P pit orchestra. Recently, Adam has performed in the pit for Groton's *Bye Bye Birdie* and R2P's *Damn Yankees*. He has also played for the VOICES multicultural chorus, Lansing High School's Band and Orchestra and his Church's youth band. If you have been to any of the R2P, Shakespeare in the Basement, or Lansing High School productions, you might have seen Adam on the stage either singing, dancing, acting, being a pirate or generally having a good time.

Joel Beckwith (Drake): Joel is a 6th grader at Lansing Middle School. He has had roles in several shows, from small musicals at church to playing a town kid in *Inherit the Wind* at the Schwartz Center at Cornell. He was a servant in LMS' production of *Annie*, played Baloo the Bear in *The Jungle Book* and participated in the LHS productions of *Brigadoon* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. So far with R2P, he has had a blast participating in the *2009 Spring Showcase*. Joel spends lots of time playing trombone in the school band, singing with the school chorus, the Ithaca Children's Choir Choraliens and Vitamin L. He loves to skateboard and plays soccer, baseball, basketball, electric guitar and drums. He is glad to have his Lansing friends participating in *Honk!* and would like to thank those families and his mom for all the rides. He would also like to thank everyone on the production team for all their time and work. *Honk!* is great! Enjoy the show!

Michael Belokur (Assistant Master Electrician/Lighting Board Operator) is back working on another R2P show as a personal favor to his mother. This time of year, you normally see him on the baseball field. He also loves to lift weights and dream of football and basketball seasons to come. He would like to thank Laura for not yelling at him during tech.

Keara Nicole Byron (Bullfrog): Keara, a 6th grader at Boynton Middle School, is making her R2P debut and would like to thank the great R2P staff for this amazing opportunity! Previous roles include Melinda in *Inherit the Wind*, a children's chorus member in the recent production of *Bernstein's Mass* (Cornell University), Nicole the Dreamer in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Ithaca College), a Birdgirl in *Seussical Jr.* (Singing Onstage Studios) and Kelsie in *High School Musical* (Boynton Middle School). In whatever free time she has left, Keara takes jazz, tap, and hip hop at Armstrong School of Dance, sings with the Ithaca Children's Choir and plays piano and oboe. Keara would like to thank her parents for their support (and especially for all of the driving)!

Sirena Carpenter (Production Assistant): Born at the right time, with a really rosie personality, Sirena has been soaring, flying through her life. She wants fabulous things for everyone she meets and will get right to the point to help them out. She's ready to break from the status quo and would like to thank everyone who has it coming for her wonderful opportunities.

Savannah Charif (Goose): Savannah has been in the audience at 7 previous R2P shows and has finally decided she wants to perform in one instead. She is in 7th grade at Boynton Middle School, where she sings in the school chorus and treble ensemble. Savannah has been a member of the Ithaca Children's Choir for 5 years and currently sings with Choraliens. Last summer, she appeared in CSMA's Star Search 2008 *Bored With the Rings* as The Ring. Savannah has also been taking piano lessons since summer, although she doesn't practice nearly as much as she should. Some of the non-musical related activities Savannah enjoys include playing Webkinz, reading, baking, and playing with her yellow lab, Shayna. She wants to thank the cast and crew of R2P, as well as her voice and piano teacher, Lisa Winans, her amazing directors in ICC and her parents for "driving her to places." And of course, she wants to thank her friends Ali and Sadie for being awesome and for telling her that R2P is awesome, too! And thanks to everyone who deserves to be thanked, but wasn't. She hopes everyone enjoys this outstanding middle school production put on by outstanding middle school students. *Honk!*

Eisha M. Conrad (Goose): Eisha is excited to be making her first appearance in a R2P production this year! Eisha is an 8th grader at Spencer Van-Etten Middle School and is a member of her 8th grade girls trio. When not acting, she enjoys singing in her school's choir, reading and playing lacrosse with her friends! Eisha would like to thank her family for their support and sends a special thanks to her grandfather, Jan Conrad, who passed away last year, for always being there for her and supporting her through her many goals in life.

Carolyn Crawford (Penny): Hi, everybody! Thanks for coming to see the show! We've all worked really hard and I hope it shows! Well, anyway, I'm in 8th grade at Covenant Love Community School and I will be attending Dryden High School this fall. I'm 13 years old and I live at home with my parents and my fish. (I don't know how many. They breed.) This is my first (of many!) productions

with R2P and I am looking forward to next season! My previous roles in other shows include Regular Alice in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* and part of Kaa the Snake in *The Jungle Book Jr.* I take 5 classes a week at Armstrong School of Dance and this is my 9th year there. My pastimes include reading, acting and recording music with my trio (Becca Woods is also in this group). If I'm not at school, dance or church, you could probably find me on my window seat reading a Ted Dekker book. So, yeah. That's me. I would like to thank my parents and the Woods' and Brianna's parents for driving me to and from practices, Becca for encouraging me to audition, Brianna for just being so awesome and, most of all, Joey, Todd, Mike and Gail for being so supportive throughout this rehearsal period. So now, sit back, relax, wait for the lights to dim and enjoy the show!

Bryce Damiani (Adult Townsfolk/Fish/Froglet/Blizzard Dancer): Bryce is proud to be in his first R2P production. He is enjoying it immensely. His performance experiences include *Tom Sawyer* (Huck Finn) and *Fiddler on the Roof* (Fyedka) in Trumansburg, NY. Additionally, Bryce has played the saxophone for two years and the guitar for six. In his free time Bryce enjoys playing all types of games, reading and listening to music. He thanks his family for their support and especially thanks the R2P leadership for making *HONK!* possible.

Cristina Dougherty (Kid/Fish/Froglet): Cristina is so excited to be in her first R2P Production! Her first theatrical role was as the Little Red Hen in first grade. Now, in 6th grade she has progressed to a fish and a froglet. In the future she hopes to move beyond the barnyard! Cristina would like to thank all the directors for putting this show together. She would also love to thank her friends and family for being SO supportive!

Noah Elman (Farmer/Goose): Noah is delighted to be performing in his first R2P show. Past roles were Gavroche in *Les Miserables: School Edition* at the Hangar Theatre's Next Generation and a Brainiac in *High School Musical* at Boynton Middle School. Noah also enjoys climbing, biking, reading and singing. He would like to thank his mom for encouraging him to perform and the rest of his family for supporting him. Enjoy the show!

Emily Feavearyear (Goose/Ensemble): This is Emily's first R2P performance. She has also appeared in productions through Northern Lights Learning Center, including: *Perchance to Dream* (Puck), *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Power Mutants* (Merle) and *All the Wealth One Needs* (the Bird Who Speaks All). She also appeared as Brigit in *Brigit and the Wolves* and as Iduna in *Iduna and the Golden Apples*, both at Stone Circle School. Her other favorite activities include swimming, art and sailing. Emily would like to thank her family for helping her, especially getting her to all the rehearsals!

Zofia Anderson Frankel (Ensemble): Zofia has been in many plays including *Barnum* as Jenny Lind, *Grease* as Ms. Lynch and now *Honk!* She is very excited to be in this musical because it is nothing like she has been in before.

Taylor Frey (Greylag): Taylor is excited for his first R2P show, but he has also appeared in other productions such as *Les Miserables* as Jean Valjean, *Fiddler on the Roof* as Tevya and *Cinderella* as the King. Taylor would like to thank his Mom and Dad for all their suport.

Rachel Harrington (Assistant Stage Manager): Rachel is a sophomore in high school and extremely pleased to be on crew for her second R2P show (previously spotted on stage right manning the fly and yelling at small children for R2P's *2009 Spring Showcase*). She has been involved in much of the arts since she was knee-high to a grasshopper: from angels in Christmas and Easter plays, a kick-butt dragonslayer named Angelica in *Saint George and The Dragon*, a frightened soon-to-be-wed [hopefully!] peasant girl named Eunice in *The Legend of Saint Nicholas*, to a very befuddled delivery woman in *Chances Are* (one act plays performed by King's Company Theater and written by Bruce Chapman). Rachel also plays several instruments and sings with her crazy thespian sister Erika. She enjoys singing, dancing, acting, baby animals, nature and writing books and poems in her spare time. She would like to thank her dad for driving her to the many places she has run, Erika for introducing her to R2P and for finally convincing her that even though she didn't audition, she could still be a part of this wonderful family, Molly for being the bestest person the universe, Erica for being so nice and jolly, and Joey for being one of the craziest (but most awesome!!) people she has ever met. She would like to say "Break some legs kids! (though you probably won't get the chance, cuz I'll be running around under you with a net!)."

Caleb Harris (Turkey): This is Caleb's 3rd show for the season and his 4th with R2P. He is in chourus with Boynton Middle School and plays piano and baseball. He has been in several school shows, his favorite being *Midsummer Nights Dream*. He has many hobbies including reading, bike riding, hanging with friends, R2P and so much more. He would also like to thank his parents for driving him everywhere.

Talia Hollander (Production Assistant): Talia is an IHS senior who has appeared in five R2P shows thus far on stage, but this is her first time on the production side of things and she is LOVING IT! Her roles as an assistant include making copies, "DJing," watching Aram, standing in for absent



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cast members and helping to costume. Talia will be attending Le Moyne College in the fall. She'd like to thank the cast and production/artistic team of *Honk!*, especially her ever-fabulous mentors Gail and Lori, her familia, friends and anyone else who must deal with her madness regularly.

Emary Iacobucci (Duckling): Emary is 11 years old. She was in R2P *2009 Spring Showcase* and loved it! Emary loves singing and acting. She has been in *The Nutcracker*, *Annie Jr.*, *Wind of a Thousand Tales*, *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, and *The Jungle Book*. Emary loves being a nasty mean duckling in this production of *Honk!* Thanks to everyone who make R2P possible!

Ashley Jackson (Spot Operator): Ashley has appeared in both *Spring Showcases*, *Sweet Charity*, and will soon be in *Footloose*. She has also spot-opped *Mattress* and performed in many shows at Groton High School. In the fall, she will be attending Mansfield University. Enjoy the show!

Sari Koppel (Iida): Sari is in 8th grade at Trumansburg and is so thrilled to be here and work with so many talented people! Recently she has been in *Cinderella* (Cinderella) and *Fiddler on the Roof* (Hodel) with Trumansburg Middle School; *Les Miserable* (Cossette) at the Hangar Theatre; and *Damn Yankees*, *2009 Spring Showcase* and *Pirates of Penzance* with R2P. Later this summer she will be in *Footloose* (come see us at the State Theater)! Thanks to the whole production team, my family, friends and Sharon Costianes for really helping me in this process! Enjoy the show!

Lena Mae Kornreich (Maureen): Lena is so excited to be in *Honk!* as Maureen. She has previously been seen in *High School Musical* as Gabriella Montez at Boynton Middle School, where she is in 8th grade. When not at rehearsal, Lena enjoys singing and dancing. Lena would like to thank her parents and brother for driving her to rehearsal every week and for helping her practice her choreography. Enjoy *Honk!*

Laura Krassowski (Lighting Designer): Laura is excited to be designing her first show with R2P. A graduate of Ithaca College, her most recent credits include Lighting Designer for Ithaca College's *Tartuffe* and *Hedda Gabler* as well as Scenic Charge for *The Wild Party*. This summer she will be Assistant Lighting Designer for *Once on This Island* at the Hangar Theatre. Thanks to Gail, Joey and the rest of the R2P team for making this a great experience. Alexander, here's to #11!

Katie Lane (Assistant Choreographer): Katie is excited to be working with R2P for the first time on *Honk!* and is looking forward to working on more productions this summer. She is currently a

sophomore at Skidmore College studying theater. Previous shows include musical revues with *Anything Goes* with Cornell's Original Musical Theater Troupe, *Bedroom Farce* at Cornell University, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Titanic* at Ithaca High School, *Frog Prince* at the Hangar Theatre and several Family Fare shows at the Kitchen Theatre.

Miriam Leo (Goose): Miriam Leo is in 6th grade at Lansing Middle School and is very excited for her first R2P show! At school she has been in *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, *Annie Jr.* and *The Jungle Book*. Miriam plays flute in her school band and is in chorus. When not playing music Miriam loves playing softball. Miriam also is in LOVE with the Jonas Brothers and would like to say they are the people who inspired her to do this. Miriam would also like to thank her friends and family for all of the support! Enjoy the show!

Lori Levine (Costume Designer): Lori has had the great pleasure of working with Joey, Todd and Ross before R2P was formed. Lori has costumed shows for the Dryden Elementary and Middle Schools such as *Aladdin Jr.*, *Jungle Book Jr.*, *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* and *Once on This Island Jr.* Lori loves having a crew to work with! Thanks to Mary Young, Diane Beckwith, Carolyn Koppel and Sue Crawford for all their sewing expertise and coordination skills! Thank you, especially, to Talia for helping me wrap my brains around these characters and all your amazing help!

Heather MacDonald (Fish/Froglet): Heather is so happy to have recently joined R2P. This year Heather played the role of Goddess of Love in Dryden's school production of *Once on This Island*. Heather spent two summers as a member of the Cortland Repertory Theater. She has been taking dance for four years and loves it! Enjoy the show!... Go Canada!!!!

Josh Malison (Flute/Piccolo): Josh is currently pursuing a B.M. in Music Performance at Ithaca College. His main instrument is the bassoon, but he secretly dreams of being a doubler on Broadway and in big bands in NYC. This is his first pit performance on an instrument other than the bassoon and he is incredibly grateful for this opportunity.

Chunmei McKernan (Duckling): Chunmei is very excited to present *Honk!* Chunmei has previously been seen in various plays at the Kitchen Theatre, Hangar Theatre, Schwartz Center (Cornell) and R2P. She would like to thank her family and friends... Enjoy the show!

Jonah Mead-Vancort (Barnacles): Jonah is thrilled to be in his third R2P production. He has appeared in several films at Ithaca College and was most recently seen in *Grease* at LACS. He would like to thank Todd and Joey for believing in him.

Katrina Mehringer (Percussion): Katrina, a high school senior, is excited to be a part of her first R2P production. Previously, Katrina has been in the cast, pit, and crew of many Lansing productions. She would like to thank everyone who has made this show possible, with special thanks going to her family and those who helped get her involved. Katrina plans to attend the Cornell University College of Engineering in the fall.

Ally Mirin (Duckling): Ally is proud to make her R2P debut! She has been taking acting classes at the Ithaca Youth Bureau since she was six and has been in *Guys and Dolls* and *The Taming of the Shrew* at DeWitt Middle School, where she is a 6th grader. When not on stage, Ally likes singing and playing oboe and piano. Enjoy the show!

Tori Mize (Birds/Waterfowl): This is Tori's first show with R2P. She has previously been seen at Boynton Middle School in the school's production of *High School Musical*. When not onstage, Tori likes to read, play board games and watch movies with her friends. Tori would like to thank her friends Ina, Prisca, Sarah, Allison and Alma for their support. She would also like to thank her family for their support as well. I hope you enjoy the show!!

Allison Mollenkamp (Floor Manager/Froglet/Fish): Allison's name is still not Skippy (if you didn't read the *2009 Spring Showcase* program, ignore this), although it is a cool name. She absolutely loved being a part of *Honk!*, her sixth R2P show. She still doesn't practice trumpet much [but she's going to try harder]. She still sings in the chorus [loves that too] and, most of all, still thanks the people that read her absurd emails. Thanks to all of you for showing up and please continue to show up, it's cool. Enjoy the show!

AJ Newman (Father Swan/Fish/Froglet): AJ Newman is pumped to be in his first R2P production! This past fall he was a Jock in *High School Musical* with Boynton M.S. and in previous years he was Drake the Butler in *Annie*, Jacey Squires in *The Music Man*, Sergeant of Police in *Pirates of Penzance*, Narrator in *Aladdin* and an Orphan in *Oliver*, all with Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School of Ithaca. AJ sang with the Ithaca Children's Choir, currently performs with Vitamin L and plays saxophones with Neal Massa's CSMA Jazz Improv at ABC Café. In his spare time, he is a goalie for TC United premier soccer team. AJ sends a shout out to Todd for encouraging him to audition for R2P, Granddad for the musical genes, Mom for her enthusiasm and organization, and Dad for his wacked sense of humor. Thanks to all my family for support.

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Anthony Nigro (Ugly – aka Christoff Roberto Fluffernutter): Anthony is beyond excited to be in *Honk!* He was in *Damn Yankees* and *2009 Spring Showcase* with R2P. He was also in a few LACS productions, including *Grease* (Teen Angel and Johnny Casino) and *Les Miserables* (The Bishop/ Ensemble) at the Hangar. He would like to give a HUGE thanks to Joey for being a fun and patient director and an awesome guy, Todd for being a genius, Gail for doing absolutely everything and being so dedicated and hardworking, Mikey and Erica for all the music help and Jen for handling all the chaos that is rehearsal. Also, Mama Sari and James for being amazing, Katie for all the dance help and every other person in the cast and crew who made this show what it is. Enjoy the show! *HONK!*

James Palmer (Production Assistant): This is James Palmer's first time being a production assistant for R2P!! He has been an ensemble member and other various roles in other R2P shows and will be an ensemble member in *Footloose* and *Mushnik* in *Little Shop Of Horrors!* He hopes you enjoy the show. MYOM!!!!

Michelle Peterson (Duckling): Michelle is a 6th grader at Trumansburg Middle school. Michelle has appeared in Trumansburg Middle School productions of *Fiddler On The Roof* and *Cinderella*. This is Michelle's first year with R2P and she had an amazing time with everyone in *2009 Spring Showcase*. Thanks to ever-smiling Joey, amazing Mikey, terrific Todd, gracious Gail and all the crew for making *Honk!* soooo much fun. Thanks also to the "Happy Llamas, sad Llamas"..... for the rides to rehearsals. "Everyone Crack an egg..."

Sophia Pitti (Fish/Froglet/Chicken): Sophia is a 6th grader at Lansing Middle School. This is Sophia's first production with R2P. She has appeared in many school productions including Marie in *The Nutcracker*, a runaway in *Harriet Tubman*, a star doll in *Guys and Dolls*, an orphan in *Annie Jr.* and Akela in *The Jungle Book*. Sophia has also been playing violin since she was six-years-old and loves singing and acting. Sophia would like to thank Gail, Joey, Erica, Todd and Mike for everything they do to make these shows possible. Sophia would also like to thank her mom very much for running her to places and supporting her all the way!

Emma Plotkin (Henrietta): Emma is so excited to be in her second R2P musical. Her previous roles have included Alice in The Hangar's *Alice in Wonderland* and Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance*.

James Potter (Cat): James is a 6th grader at LACS and this is his second production with R2P. James has also appeared in productions at the Hangar Theatre, the Kitchen Theatre and takes dance at Ithaca Ballet and CSMA. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and enjoy the show!

Nicole Rossi (Queenie): Nicole would love to thank every single T-Burg parent involved in carpooling. She would also like to thank her voice teacher Sharon, mom, dad, brother, sister and all of the rest of her family for supporting her. Nicole is an 8th grader and has participated in R2P performances such as *Pirates of Penzance*, *2009 Spring Showcase* and now *Honk!* She has been in about 20 or so other shows in her lifetime and has had most of her great experiences with R2P. Thanks to all!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wesley Sanders (Master Electrician/Sound Engineer): Wesley is a senior at Binghamton University, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Technical Theatre. Wesley has designed lights for more than 15 productions and has served as Master Electrician for many productions including R2P's *Fame*. He is also currently serving as Sound Director at Binghamton Sound, Staging and Lighting. Wesley would like to thank his fiancée Kristen and his parents for all of their support.

Will Sanders (Rehearsal Pianist/Light Board Operator): Will is a freshman at Dryden High School and is very glad to be working on *Honk!* He is currently studying piano with jazz pianist John Stetch. He was recently the accompanist for his high school's production of *Grease*. He has previously worked on R2P's productions of *Fame* (Light Board Operator) and *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Lighting Designer). He would like to thank his mom for driving him to rehearsals and the directors for making the show possible.

Emily Scarpulla (Fish/Froglet): Emily is very excited to be in her first R2P show. She has been in *Seussical*, *High School Musical* and other drama productions at Boynton Middle School and has been on True TV's "Psychic Detectives." She enjoys singing, acting and hanging out with her fellow actors. She would like to thank them for getting her to join R2P and helping her through this exciting process. Enjoy the show!

Emily Schweitzer (Goose/Chicken): Emily is in 6th grade and is extremely excited to be in her first R2P show. Emily's most current show was *The Jungle Book* as an antelope. At school, Emily is in chorus and plays the clarinet in the band and the honors band. Emily plays soccer and softball on teams and swims for fun in her spare time. I would like to thank all the parents for giving support (and rides) to their kids.

Duncan Scott Martinson (Fish/Froglet): Duncan is very excited to make his first appearance in a R2P production. He had recently been in Boynton Middle School's production of *High School Musical* and was cast as a Jock. He enjoys playing trumpet, listening to music, and playing with clay.

Sadie Scott Martinson (Dot): Sadie is a 7th grader at Boynton Middle school. She has previously been in *Pirates Of Penzance* with R2P and played Sharpay in *High School Musical* at Boynton. She has taken tap dance class and is a 3rd degree brown belt with the Cornell Shotokan Karate Club. "I would like to thank my family of course, especially my Mom and Dad, but also Mr. Winans and Mr. Parker who are chorus and dramatic arts teachers that helped me improve my singing and gave me a better understanding of what it is like being a serious actress. Mr. Winans, Mr. Parker, and my Mom are amazing directors. Thank you and enjoy the show!"

Charlotte Senders (Lowbutt): Charlotte is superduper excited to be in her 4th R2P show! She loves hanging out with her buddies, ninjas, being part of R2P, baking cookies and lots of other things that she doesn't have room to put here. She would like to thank her family, everyone who gave her rides, all of R2P and her wonderful, wonderful friends.

Jennifer Shaw (Stage Manager): Jennifer is a B.A. Drama student at Ithaca College, concentrating in stage management. In the fall, she was the Stage Manager for her first Ithaca College show, *Bare: A Pop Opera* for Triple Threat Theatre, as well as a member of the props crew for *The Wild Party*. In the spring she worked as Production Assistant for the mainstage operas, *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges* and *Cendrillon* and stage managed Triple Threat Theatre's *tick, tick...BOOM!* She is excited to be working with R2P on *Honk!* and looks forward to her next production with them this summer, *Footloose*.

Noah Benzer-Shuman (Fish/Froglet): Noah is very happy to be in his 2nd R2P show!!!! He wants to thank everyone who made the whole company possible. At Boynton Middle School he has been a Who (*Seussical Jr.*) and Mongo (*High School Musical*) (yes he does know what a cello is for those of you who saw it) and a Policeman in R2P's *The Pirates of Penzance!!!* He wants to encourage people to join the company so the shows can be four times as good!! *HONK!*

Peter Stammer (Pit?): Peter is thrilled to be playing yet another R2P production! He would like to thank everyone who has made this show possible!

Bretana Turkon (Goose): Bretana is a 6th grader at Trumansburg Russell I. Doig Middle School. This is her first show with R2P and she has had lots of fun. Some of her previous roles include Shprintze in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Veruca Salt in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and Portia, a stepsister, in *Cinderella*. She would especially like to thank her cousin Sari (Ida) for introducing and encouraging her to work with R2P. "This has been an amazing experience for me. I have had a 'real play' experience. (And a fun one!)"

Anneke van Renesse (Old Woman/Goose): Anneke is a 7th grader at Boynton Middle School. This is her fourth production with R2P and she loves it! She would like to thank Joey, Todd, Mikey and Gail for making this happen.

Tanya van Renesse (Goose): Tanya is happy to be a part of this show, her second R2P production. She is a 6th grader at Boynton Middle School. She loves to sing and dance, so this show was really great for her.

Maddie Vandenberg (Duckling): Maddie is in 6th grade at EAC Montessori and is excited to be in her second R2P production. She has appeared in many musicals at her school including *The Music Man* (Mrs. Paroo), *Annie* (Cecile, a head maid) and more. Maddie is looking forward to being in her school's production of *Peter Pan* in a couple weeks as Tiger Lily. You might also have seen her in R2P's *2009 Spring Showcase*. She is a member of Vitamin L, plays violin and trumpet, loves to play softball and has loved to sing and act pretty much since she was born. Maddie would like to thank her parents for being really good people, her fellow ducklings (the peeps) for working with her so well, Joey for being a lovely director and everybody else for just being awesome!! Enjoy the show!

Laurel Wolfe Wawrzynek (Fish/Froglet): Laurel is in 8th grade and is very happy to be back for her third show with R2P. She was in *The Pirates of Penzance* and the *2009 Spring Showcase* last year. She has also been in *Barnum* and *Grease* (Cha-cha) with LACS and *Bernstein's Mass* (children's chorus) with Cornell, the Schwartz Center. She enjoys playing her violin and singing. She wants to thank her parents for driving her everywhere, her directors for making this show possible and awesome, her friends for being supportive and the entire cast for making this show so much fun! "ENJOY THE SHOW!!!!!!!"

Rebecca Woods (Grace): I am thrilled to be in another R2P show! I was previously in *Pirates of Penzance* (Ruth) with R2P and *Alice in Wonderland* (Queen of Hearts) and *Jungle Book* (Kaa) with Joey and *Once Upon a Mattress* (Princess Winnifred) at Dryden. Besides acting, my favorite activities include singing, reading & writing, shopping, playing piano and hanging with my

crazy friends! I would like to thank both the parents of all my friends and my own parents for driving me to places (yes, the pun IS intended...), my friends for all their awesome support and ESPECIALLY my directors Joey, Todd, Gail, Mike and Erica!!! (You guys are AWESOME!!!!) Thanks, and I really hope you like the show!! *Hank!!*

Alexander Woodward (Scenic Designer): Alexander Woodward has fostered a passion for theatre from an early age. Following this, he focused his education on the arts, earning his BFA in scenic and costume design from Ithaca College, while working professionally for numerous theatres around the United States. Alexander has worked with R2P on two other productions: *Once Upon A Mattress* and *Footloose*, both as a designer and a mentor. Some of his local credits include *Tartuffe*, *Hedda Gabler* and *The Wild Party* at Ithaca College as well as work for the Syracuse Stage, the Kitchen Theatre, the Dallas Theatre Center and four seasons at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. Congratulations *HONK!* cast and crew! And to Laura – Toi Toi #11.

Allie Young (Magpie): Allie is a 7th grader at Dryden Middle School and has previously been in *Once on This Island* as Asaka, *Alice In Wonderland*, *Pirates Of Penzance* (the old one with the camera and the cane) and the R2P showcases. She would like to thank her friends and family for support and rides. You should prepare yourself for an amazing show. Tell your friends how cool we are. Without further ado, sit back, watch the show. You know the drill.

Elaine Young (Assistant Stage Manager): Elaine is a sophomore at Dryden High School. She is happy to be working on her sixth show with R2P, her third as an ASM (including *Pirates of Penzance* and *Damn Yankees*). At school, Elaine recently appeared on stage in *Grease* (Cha Cha) and *Blithe Spirit* (Mrs. Bradman). She also stage managed the middle school performance of *Once on This Island Jr.* Elaine would like to thank her parents and everyone who gave her rides.

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Gail Belokur (Producer and Executive Director) has worked professionally with young people in the performing arts for over 20 years in upstate New York, directing numerous plays and musicals involving middle, high school, and college students. As former founder and artistic/managing director of the New Vine School of the Arts, Gail taught acting workshops, directed, and developed arts programs for theatre, dance, music and the visual arts. Earning her BA in Drama at Ithaca College with departmental honors, her credits there include *The Count of Monte Cristo* (Assistant Director) and *Dance: No Translation Needed* (Production Stage Manager). She has also designed and stage managed for dance studios and community theatre, as well as directed/toured with handbell choirs throughout New York, Pennsylvania, and Canada. Besides the typical duties as executive director, Gail has a hand in the artistic as well and coordinates all aspects of design, tech, stage management and mentoring for Running to Places. She is also employed by Ithaca College and shares a home with her husband, George, and their younger two children, Shauna and Michael.

Todd Peterson (Resident Choreographer) has been performing and instructing professionally for over 20 years. A former Broadway performer, Todd was trained locally and in New York City. His instructional and choreographic genre include ballet, jazz, tap, modern, lyrical, and acrobatic forms of dance. While training and performing in NYC Todd attended the Henry Le Tang and Broadway Center for performing arts. Among his list of accomplishments, Todd is a previous Dance Educators of America Performing Arts Champion, featured dancer for the Miss Black America Pageant, Showcase performer for the Frank Hatchett, Gregory/Maurice Hines Dance Center in Springfield Massachusetts, director/choreographer for The Peace Child Foundation's production of "City of Peace" under the mentorship of Shakespeare in the Park creator Arthur Lithgow. Todd was ranked 5th nationally in men's solo baton twirling at Americas Youth on Parade in South Bend Indiana. While attending America's Youth on Parade he also was ranked #2 in the international Drum Major Contest. Todd is an inductee in the Twirlers Hall of Fame. He also opened for the Bob Hope Thanks for the Memories Tour in Utica New York. Locally he was the co-founder/director of Ithaca's Thunderbolt Parade and Show Corp, co-founder of the Boynton Theatre Project, Dance instructor for CSMA, and SUNY Cortland. Todd has choreographed for SUNY Cortland, Cornell University, Boynton and Dewitt Middle Schools, and Ithaca High School. Currently, Todd is an Educator with the Ithaca City School District as well as the proud director of the Ithaca Youth Bureau's Stewart Park Day Camp.

Erica Steinhagen (Co-Music Director) is a voice teacher, actor and singer and this is her second collaboration with the amazing R2P company. Erica earned her performance degree from Ithaca College, and has been seen in numerous shows there, at the Hangar Theatre and at the Kitchen Theatre where she is a company member. She loves working with her incredibly talented and dedicated husband Joey, and couldn't be prouder of the company he has created here with his partners. Thanks to Gail, Jen, Todd, Mikey and all the cast and crew and high school mentors for working so hard and building such a gorgeous show. Break legs, everyone.

Joey Steinhagen (Artistic and Resident Director) has been teaching, acting in, and directing theatre for young people throughout Tompkins County since 1993. Joey has taught acting at Ithaca College, Cornell, SUNY Cortland, the Ithaca Youth Bureau, the Northern Lights Learning Center, and Hangar Theatre's Next Generation program. As an actor, Joey has appeared at the Kitchen Theatre (*The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow*, *Tony & the Soprano*, *Precious Nonsense*, *We Won't Pay*) and Hangar Theatre (*Goldilocks: The Director's Cut*). His work as a director for young people includes Ithaca High School (*Titanic*, *My Favorite Year*), Dryden Middle School (*Jungle Book*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, Jr.), Dryden High School (*Romeo & Juliet*), Dewitt Middle School (*Twelfth Night*), Boynton Middle School (*Alice in Wonderland*, *Wind in the Willows*), and the Northern Lights Learning Center (*Grimm's Fairy Tales*). Joey received his BFA in Acting from Ithaca College, and he lives in Newfield with his lovely and talented wife Erica and the youngest Steinhagen, Aram, who joins him in wishing Mama a happy birthday. So glad you've been running with us on this one, babe.

Mike Wade (Co-Music Director): Mike is ecstatic to be working on yet another R2P production. *Honk!* marks his third collaboration, following the *2009 Spring Showcase*, and *Sweet Charity*, from last season. Mike majors in Music Education at Ithaca College, with concentrations in piano and voice. When not directing pit orchestras full of very talented musicians, he enjoys the best that nature has to offer, and would be nowhere without the support of his friends. "After all, there is only one thing it has to be - it has to be good!" Enjoy the show!

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